

## CLAIMS

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## 1. Apparatus comprising:

a source of first and second color difference signals (B-Y, R-Y), said  
5 first and second color difference signals being associated with a color signal  
having an amplitude and a phase;

10 a signal processor (M1; M2; M3; M4; A1; A2) coupled to said  
source, said signal processor processing said first and second color difference  
signals to produce a phase shift ( $\theta$ ) of said color signal in response to a control  
signal; and

control means (Control Voltage Generator) for generating said  
control signal in response to a user command to change the hue of said color  
15 signal, characterized in that

said control means provides as control signals linear approximations  
15 of non-linear functions used to produce said phase shift whereby said signal  
processor produces an amount of phase shift in response to said linear  
approximations.

20 2. The apparatus of claim 1, characterized in that said linear  
approximations are associated with the value of sine  $\theta$  and cosine  $\theta$  wherein  $\theta$   
corresponds to an amount of phase shift of said color signal.

25 3. The apparatus of claim 2, characterized in that said linear  
approximations approximate sine  $\theta$  as  $K_1\theta$ , and cosine  $\theta$  as  $1-K_2\theta$ , wherein  $K_1$  is  
equal to about .78/45 and  $K_2$  is equal to about .21/45.

0.78/45                                    0.21/45.

30 4. The apparatus of claim 2, characterized in that said linear  
approximations are provided when said phase shift is in the range between about  
+/-30°.

35 5. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the signal processor comprises  
first (M1), second (M2), third (M3), and fourth (M4) multipliers and first (A1) and  
second (A1) adders, said control means generating first and second control  
signals, said first color difference signal (B-Y) being provided to a first input of  
said first multiplier and to a first input of said third multiplier, said second color  
difference signal (R-Y) being provided to a first input of said second multiplier and  
to a first input of a fourth multiplier, said first control signal being provided to a  
second input of each of said first and fourth multipliers, said second control

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signal being provided to a second input of each of said second and third multipliers, an output of said first multiplier and an output of the second multiplier being coupled to respective inputs of said first adder for summing the outputs of the first and second multiplier for producing a first modified color  
5 difference signal, an output of said third multiplier and an output of said fourth multiplier being coupled to respective inputs of said second adder for subtracting the output of said fourth multiplier from the output of said third multiplier for producing a second modified color difference signal, said first and second modified color difference signals representing a color vector having said phase  
10 shift.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the control means generates said first and second control signals corresponding to sine  $\theta$  and cosine  $\theta$ , respectively, to cause said signal processor to produce said phase shift.

15 7. The apparatus of claim 5, characterized in that said linear approximations approximate sine  $\theta$  as  $K_1\theta$ , and cosine  $\theta$  as  $1-K_2\theta$  wherein  $K_1$  is equal to about .78/45 and  $K_2$  is equal to about .21/45.

20 8. The apparatus of claim 5, characterized in that said linear approximations are provided when said phase shift is in the range between about +/-30°.